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(Sri A. Govindasamy rose.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have already passed on to the next question.

* 1986 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR (on behalf of SRI T. L. SASIVARNA THEVAR) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation regarding certain irregularities in the Koothanur Panchayat, Kumbakonam taluk, Thanjavur district;

(*b*) the action taken by the Government in the matter;

(*c*) whether the accounts of the said panchayat have been audited; and

(*d*) if so, the results thereof?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A representation from two of the members of the Koothanur panchayat has been received by the Collector of Thanjavur and he is taking action under Section 150 of the Madras Panchayat Act, 1958 for removing the President of the said panchayat from office.

(*c*) & (*d*) The accounts of the Koothanur panchayat were audited up to 29th February 1960 and the question whether action may be taken to surcharge the loss if any, to the panchayat on the persons responsible is being taken by the Collector.

Village tanks

* 1987 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) 200 ஏக்கராக்குள் ஆயக்கட்டுள்ள குளங்கள் நமது ராஜ்யத்தில் எத்தனை இருக்கின்றன?

(இ) இந்தக் குளங்களை பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன்வசம் விட்டு விட உத்தேசமுண்டா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :

(அ) 34,353.

(இ) 25,685 குளங்கள் பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் வசம் விடப்படும்.

Midday meal scheme

* 1988 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many high schools at present midday meal is given to poor students;

(*b*) what is the scheme to extend the midday meal programme to the remaining high schools;

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(*c*) how the mid-day meal programme is implemented in the high schools at present;

(*d*) what are the social organizations which are taking active part to implement the midday meal programme in the high schools; and

(*e*) whether there is any proposal to collect one rupee per pupil for one year for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 531 High Schools under the Education Department.

(*b*) The midday meal scheme in high schools is organised on a voluntary basis and Government have no proposal to extend it to the remaining high schools.

(*c*) The scheme being a voluntary one, no set rules have been prescribed for its administration. The implementation is left to the organizers of the scheme and it is, therefore, likely to vary from school to school.

(*d*) Government have no information, and

(*e*) No, Sir.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : While appreciating the glorious steps that have been taken by the Government in implementing the noon-meal programme in almost all the 26,000 elementary schools in the State and whereas it is a matter of pride for everyone in the State that our State is almost in the forefront in this noble cause, will our Government atleast permit the Headmasters of the High Schools to collect a nominal amount so that in all the remaining high schools also this midday meal programme can be easily started?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have started a very expensive programme in the elementary schools. That will have to be properly worked and we have just now built up an organization to look after those things. As far as high school midday meal programme is concerned, it is purely a voluntary one and I hope hon. Members also will take interest and see that all the high schools also provide free meals to the poor students.

Pay scales of teachers

* 1989 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the pay scales of graduate teachers of Government secondary school teachers (both in Government and aided schools) in Madras State in general and in Kanyakumari district in particular;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any decision regarding any disparities in the pay scales;and